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RE: State Certification of Rural and Non-rural High-Cost Carriers CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256

To the Filing Representatives:

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (Texas PUC) hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural and non-rural carriers in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254 (e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act. This includes high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support.

Below is the list of rural and non-rural carriers certified by the Texas PUC pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) *Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in CC Docket No. 96-45, and *Report and Order* in CC Docket No. 00-256 (May 23, 2001), which required states to establish an annual certification process for rural and non-rural carriers receiving High Cost funds from the FUSF. Per the request of the Universal Service Administrative Company, listed beside each carrier is their assigned study area code.

Rural Carriers

1. Alenco Communications, Inc. d/b/a ACI (442090)
2. Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc. (442039)
3. Blossom Telephone Company, Inc. (442038)
4. Border to Border Communications, Inc. (442073)
5. Brazoria Telephone Company (442040)



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6. Brazos Telecommunications, Inc. (442041)
7. Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442041)
8. Cameron Telephone Company (440425)
9. Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442046)
10. Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442052)
11. CenturyTel of Lake Dallas, Inc. (442101)
12. CenturyTel of Northwest Louisiana, Inc. (270431)
13. CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc. (442117)
14. CenturyTel of San Marcos, Inc. (442140)
15. Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442057)
16. Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442059)
17. Comanche County Telephone Company, Inc. (442060)
18. Community Telephone Company, Inc. (442061)
19. Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (ILEC) (442065)
20. Dell Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442066)
21. Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442068)
22. Electra Telephone Company, Inc. (442069)
23. ENMR Telephone Cooperative (442262)
24. ETS Telephone Company, Inc. (CLEC) (442091)
25. ETEX Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442070)
26. Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442071)
27. Fort Bend Telephone Company (442072)
28. Ganado Telephone Company, Inc. (442076)
29. Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442083)
30. Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442086)
31. Industry Telephone Company, Inc. (442093)
32. Kerrville Telephone Company (442097)
33. Lake Livingston Telephone Company (442104)
34. La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc. (442103)
35. Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (492264)
36. Lipan Telephone Co., Inc. (442105)
37. Livingston Telephone Company (442107)
38. Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442112)
39. nii Communications (CLEC) (449008)
40. Nortex Communications (CLEC) (442116)
41. North Texas Telephone Company, Inc. (442043)
42. Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (432016)
43. Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442130)
44. Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442131)
45. Rivera Telephone Company, Inc. (442134)
46. Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CLEC) (449006)
47. Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (ILEC) (442141)
48. South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442143)
49. Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (411724)
50. Southwest Texas Telephone Company (442135)
51. Sugar Land Telephone Company (442147)
52. Tatum Telephone Company, Inc. (442150)
53. Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442151)

54. Texas ALLTEL, Inc. (442153)
55. TXU Communications Telephone Company (442109)
56. Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442159)
57. Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP (441163)
58. W.T. Services, Inc. (449001)
59. West Plains Telecommunications, Inc. (442071)
60. West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442166)
61. Western Wireless Corporation (449003)
62. Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442168)
63. XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (442170)
64. XIT Telecommunications & Technology, Inc. (449002)

Non-rural

1. Central Telephone Company of Texas d/b/a Sprint/Centel (442114)
2. Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CLEC) (449004)
3. GCEC Technologies, Inc. (CLEC) (449012)
4. Logix Communications Corporation (CLEC) (449011)
5. Nortex Telecom, L.L.C. (CLEC) (449005)
6. Sage Telecom of Texas, L.P. (CLEC) (449010)
7. United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a Sprint/United (442084)
8. Verizon Southwest TXC (442154)
9. Verizon Southwest TXG (442080)

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tina Donahoo in our Policy Development Division, (512) 936-7257.

Respectfully submitted,

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